

Introduced by Senator Escutia

February 22, 2006

An act to amend Section 52244 of the Education Code, relating to pupil instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1442, as introduced, Escutia. Schools: advanced placement examination fees.

Existing law establishes a 5-year pilot grant program, administered by the State Department of Education, for the purpose of awarding grants to cover the costs of advanced placement examination fees. Existing law authorizes school districts to apply to the department for grant funding under the program based on the number of economically disadvantaged pupils in the district who will take the next offered advanced placement examinations. Existing law repeals those provisions on January 1, 2008.

This bill would delete the January 1, 2008, date, thereby extending those provisions indefinitely.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 52244 of the Education Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 52244. (a) There is hereby established a pilot grant program
- 4 for the purpose of awarding grants to cover the costs of advanced
- 5 placement examination fees. ~~The State Department of Education~~
- 6 *department* shall administer this program.

1 (b) Any school district may apply to the ~~State Department of~~
2 ~~Education~~ *department* for grant funding pursuant to this section,
3 based on the number of economically disadvantaged pupils in the
4 district enrolled in advanced placement courses who will take the
5 next offered advanced placement examinations. A school district
6 that applies to the ~~State Department of Education~~ *department* for
7 this purpose shall designate school district staff to whom pupils
8 may submit applications for grants and shall institute a plan to
9 notify pupils of the availability of financial assistance pursuant to
10 this section. Grants shall be expended only to pay the fees
11 required of pupils to take an advanced placement examination.

12 (c) Any economically disadvantaged pupil who is enrolled in
13 an advanced placement course may apply to the designated
14 school district staff for a grant pursuant to this section. A pupil
15 who receives a grant shall pay five dollars (\$5) of the
16 examination fee.

17 (d) School districts and county superintendents of schools may
18 join together and form collaboratives or consortia in order to
19 participate in the grant program established by this section.

20 (e) Grants provided pursuant to this section may not be used to
21 supplant fee waivers available to low-income pupils who take
22 advanced placement examinations.

23 (f) If the total school district applications exceed the total
24 funds available pursuant to this section, the ~~State Department of~~
25 ~~Education~~ *department* shall prorate the grants based upon the
26 ratio of the total amount requested to the total amount budgeted
27 by the state for this purpose.

28 (g) To facilitate program administration and school district
29 reimbursement, the ~~State Department of Education~~ *department*
30 may enter into a contract with the provider of advanced
31 placement examinations. For purposes of the contract authorized
32 pursuant to this subdivision, the ~~State Department of Education~~
33 *department* is exempt from the requirements of Part 2
34 (commencing with Section 10100) of Division 2 of the Public
35 Contract Code and from the requirements of Article 6
36 (commencing with Section 999) of Chapter 6 of Division 4 of the
37 Military and Veterans Code.

38 ~~(h) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1,~~
39 ~~2008, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted~~

1 ~~statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2008, deletes or extends~~
2 ~~that date.~~

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